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Comments:

After review of the recently released draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Stibnite Gold Project, I support the proposal put forward by Midas Gold Idaho and write to you today to encourage its timely approval. As a small business owner, I realize the importance of economic investment and believe in the supply chain benefits that will trickle-down into many facets of our communities.

Job creation and economic prosperity are high priorities for Idaho, and why I am proud to support this project. The Stibnite Gold project would add up to 1,000 jobs during the 20-year duration of the project and Midas Gold has committed to hiring local, which includes privately funded job training opportunities for Idahoans. In Valley County, a quarter of the employment today is in the leisure and hospitality fields. The positions provided by Midas Gold however are estimated to pay up to four times the average wages earned in these two industries.

During the span of the project, it is estimated that Idaho would see more than \$150 million in state and local tax revenues. Midas Gold has also committed that the equipment and materials for the project will be purchased locally from Idaho vendors when feasible. Overall, the analysis of the economic impacts of the project by Highland Economics found that total local income tax payments over the 20-year project would be nearly \$450 million. Clearly, this is an essential private investment in our community that will help Idaho grow without the use or waste of taxpayer dollars. This is an opportunity to bring \$1 billion of private investment and economic windfall to Idaho, all while restoring an area damaged by a century of mining. I urge you to choose Alternative 2 presented in the plans submitted by Midas Gold Idaho.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.